

April 16, 2013 - Encourage your Senator to co-sponsor the Moran/Blumenthal Legislation (S.687). Need 51 co-sponsors, currently there are 28. [Is your Senator on that list?](#)

April 11th 2013 - Get involved in saving the Contract Control Tower Program (including the air traffic control tower at Concord Regional Airport) from Sequestration Cuts! Let your Congressman and Senators know how you feel and urge them to get involved and support efforts to reverse the decision to close 149 Federal Contract Air Traffic Control Towers on June 15, 2013.

Efforts to write letters, make phone calls, send emails, and posting through Social Media all help!

Next week, several Congressional Committee meetings and hearings will take place with DOT Secretary LaHood or FAA Administrator Huerta in attendance. These hearings will be a great opportunity for our industry to keep pressure on DOT and FAA to reverse course. [If your Senator\(s\) and/or House members are on any of these committees, please contact their offices and encourage them to attend and urge Secretary LaHood and Administrator Huerta to reverse the arbitrary and safety-degrading decision!](#)

The FAA announced on April 5th that all 149 Federal Contract Air Traffic Control Towers identified on their final list will close on June 15, 2013. This is a delay of 45 to 75 days from the initial closure dates.

On Friday, March 22, 2013 the [FAA announced their final list of 149 airport control towers that will lose funding](#) due to mandatory Sequestration cuts that went into effect on March 1, 2013. The Contract Control Tower at Concord Regional Airport was included in that final listing. AAAE and CTA have set up a website to coordinate information and help reverse these decisions (<http://savecontracttowersnow.com/>).

The City is continuing to look into ways to keep the tower at the airport. Even without a control tower, the airport will remain open as it plays a critical role to the local economy, economic development in the regional, and an important piece of the national airspace system.

Two Tenant/Customer meetings were held at the airport to discuss the latest on the FAA sequestration decision, process, and gather concerns and input on next options. We are working all angles with the goal of continuing the operation of the tower under any circumstance. The City does not have the ability to fund the anticipated \$600,000 annual cost on its own long term without significant new revenues or cost sharing from partners. We continue to ask stakeholders to stay involved and urge a federal legislative solution or a FAA decision reversal to this federal government budget issue.

We appreciate your continued support of Concord Regional Airport as we look for ways to continue to provide this service to our customers.

MARCH 22, 2013 CITY OF CONCORD PRESS RELEASE ON AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER FAA SEQUESTRATION FUNDING CUT NOTICE